

# **CARR-BRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Annual General Meeting**

**7.00pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Village Hall, Carr-Bridge**

**I hereby give Notice that the AGM of Carr-bridge & Vicinity Community Council will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.0pm in the Village Hall – for the normal assessment of the business for the year 2016/17**

**Kate Adamson  
Secretary**

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm**

House Keeping: Fire Exits etc

Introduction of Community Councillors to Visitors

Apologies:

1. Minutes of AGM of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (attached)

2. Chairman's report

3. Treasurer's report

4. Matters Arising

5. Re-election of office bearers

a. Andrew Kirk	Chairman
b. George Dyer	Vice Chairman
c. Kate Adamson	Secretary
d. Alan Rankin	Treasurer

6. AOCB                      Appointment of Minutes Secretary  
Agreement of honorarium paid

**End of AGM**

**CARRBRIDGE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF AGM**  
**HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON**  
**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 7.00p.m.**

**Present:** Andrew Kirk (Chairman), Bill Lobban (Councillor), Robert McInnes, David Ritchie, Alan Rankin, George Dyer, Fiona McMullen and Alice Buttress.

**In attendance:** Maria Thomson-Slaven, Jan Carlyle, Mairi Brown (VABS and local resident), Lorraine Anderson, James Fraser, Martyn O'Reilly, Mr and Mrs Cotterill, Charlie Miller and Heather Davidson (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Kate Adamson (Secretary)

Andrew Kirk opened the meeting

**Minutes of AGM of 28th May 2015** approved by Robert McInnes and seconded by David Ritchie

**Chairman's Annual Report**

Andrew Kirk gave the Community Council Report:

The Community Council continue to progress and address projects, issues and concerns .

In no particular order-

Playing Field – We continue to press Highlife, who manages the field on behalf of Highland Council, to resolve the drainage issue. The Changing room locks were changed as multiple keys were in existence and there are now only three. Additional keys can only be cut on presentation of a security card which is available from Andrew Kirk.

Speeding - The CC continues to lobby the Police to enforce the speed limit. We financed and distributed 30mph and 20mph wheelie bin stickers around the village.

Main Street Parking – As a result of the success of our village businesses, irresponsible parking in the main street is at times a problem despite our large village carpark lying underused. In an attempt to resolve this and following lobbying from some of the businesses, the CC financed signs directing people to the free village carpark. The cost of the signs, their manufacture and placement, was greatly reduced by the generosity of Dougie Edwards. The problem still exists but may have been reduced a little. We are very reluctant to ask for yellow lines as they would look unsightly, would be out of keeping with our village and would not be enforced anyway.

Housing Developments - There is currently NO planning application in for either the Carr Rd or Crannich Park sites BUT both areas are zoned for housing. The CC is working with the CNPA on what we, the community, might agree to. We don't want the village to stagnate but we don't want the volume and density of houses that were proposed in the rejected application. We will continue to consult the community as the process progresses. We are also looking at reducing the area zoned for housing in the next CNPA 5 year plan.

Ellan Bridge – The renovation of the bridge was successfully completed on budget and on time. The village was greatly assisted by John Walker who managed the project for which we are very grateful.

Carrbridge Business and Tourist Association – We continue to be very supportive of the CBTA, helping towards the finance of the Tourist Information Point and supporting the replacement of the adjacent informative paths plinth.

Struan – We are increasingly frustrated by this problem. We have spent a lot of time during the year liaising with Highland Council and CNPA on how to resolve this. We are no further forward. An application to the Scottish Government fund for Vacant and Derelict property failed after months of waiting. The site goes up for auction again soon. However we are not hopeful. We will continue to work with CNPA and THC who have been supportive and

eager to see this sorted. Alan Rankin, George Dyer and Andrew Kirk in particular have been meeting and liaising with agencies.

Tom na Clach - This was granted planning permission in 2013, revised plans were submitted and rejected and have now gone to appeal.

Windfarms do divide the community – some are very against, some very supportive and some more concerned by the construction phase. The CC remains neutral on this but will strive to look after the community's best interests. The CC are represented on the Community Benefit Fund forum and on the Construction Liaison Forum by Kate Adamson, Robert McInnes and Andrew Kirk.

New Hospital Consultation– We are represented on this by Kate Adamson .

Paths – The all abilities Riverside path has suffered storm damage – we are organising and funding the repair. During the year we lobbied successfully the Estate and Landmark to repair and reinstate damaged pathways. We continue to monitor this as forestry work is on going. Alan Rankin in particular has been the lead on this. We spent a great deal of time dealing with the discovery of what we now know is low-risk asbestos cement fragments. Monthly 'litter' picks by specialists, paid for THC, continue but we are assured that any remaining fragments continue to be assessed as very low risk. Alice Buttress in particular continues to monitor the process. We have had a long term ambition to improve the path up to the War Memorial including hand rails and in the last year Robert McInnes and Andrew Kirk have progressed this to a stage where we might see some action this year. Clarifying who owned the land the path is on and all abilities legislation have been difficult factors but are now apparently resolved.

School Play Park/Tapestry/Bench – We were pleased, following a presentation from the School pupils, to contribute a sizeable amount towards the renovation of the school play park.

We helped financially in the resiting of the Carrbridge Tapestry to the Village Hall. Thanks to Heather Davidson in particular for pushing this forward.

We physically helped with siting and wood preserving the donated Wooden Bench at the 'End of the World '. Thanks to the Butresses and Robert McInnes with this.

Old Packhorse Bridge – There was a suggestion that The Highland Council would like to transfer ownership of the Bridge to the CC or to a Trust set up by us. We stated firmly that such is the historical and architectural importance of the Bridge and with the financial implications of looking after it, we did not wish this and it should remain with THC. If it were to be looked after by anyone else then Historic Scotland would be an obvious contender.

A9 Dualling - We have all been heavy involved liaising with Transport Scotland and Atkins Mouchel regarding the Dualling process. We have helped to publicise the consultation days in the Village Hall and have submitted numerous submissions to consultations.

We disagreed with the proposed layout of the junction at Blackmount and await to see if any of our concerns are addressed. We aren't hopeful. We are also liaising with them regarding NMUs (cycle tracks to most people), our desire for a Bus Stop on the A9 parallel with the Station and our rejection of any refreshment facility on the dualled A9 which would take business from the village. We will continue to work closely with them as the works progress.

Carve Carrbridge - We continue to be very supportive of the Carve and again thank them for the surplus funds they contribute to the village.

Golden Spurtle World Porridge Making Championships - Again we are indebted to Margarete Paschke and her small team for looking after this famous event and the publicity it generates.

Seniors Christmas Dinner / Duck Race - Once again the Duck Race contributed some way towards the cost of the very popular and successful Christmas Lunch. Thanks to Colin Watt and his team at the Carrbridge Hotel and to George Dyer for managing the ducks.

Village Hall - We are very supportive of all the Village Hall committee do and will continue to support them financially as necessary.

Big Conversation – In conjunction with VABS we publicised and facilitated the Big Conversation and are now working with Karen Derrick and Mairi Brown on taking this forward.

Treasurer – Fiona McMullen is standing down as Treasurer/Account Manager after many years. We are very grateful to her for all she has done for the CC as well as Carrbridge Ahead. We are also grateful for her professional hand over to Alan Rankin our new Treasurer. Many thanks to him for taking this task on.

Community Council Elections- These were held in November. We tried hard to get nominations and publicised the CC election widely. However there were only 7 nominations and we were duly elected.

Thank you to all my fellow councillors for all their hard work and input. Thanks to Heather Davidson for taking the minutes so studiously and to Bill Lobban our Highland Councillor for all his continual support and helpful advice at and between our meetings.

### **Treasurer's Annual Report**

Fiona McMullen gave the Report

Commenced year with a credit of £ 11,979.61

Income Breakdown as per attached sheet	Total £30,549.63
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Expenditure breakdown as per attached sheet	Total £20,483.64
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Balance as at 31/03/16	£22,045.60
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Anne Baird has kindly audited the accounts for us – a huge thanks to Anne

### **Income:**

A donation of £500.00 was received from Reidhaven Estate.

The Highland Council grant this year £1029.61 a decrease of £0.61p from previous year.

We received a grant of £3,500.00 from Cairngorm National Park. £3,000.00 for repairs to Ellan Bridge and £500.00 other path repairs.

### **Other items of Income:**

£25,000.00 from Carr-bridge Ahead towards Community Projects

Turriff United – use of football field £15.00

Carr-Bridge Bowling Club 30% of Insurance (2014-2015) £254.95

And (2015-2016) £250.07

### **Items of Expenditure :**

#### **Community projects:**

£765.30 to Geoff Freedman – Rural Bridges – Ellan Bridge

£103.50 Tom Burns – replacing locks/keys for Community Shed and Bowling Club

£11,623.38 – McGowan Ltd – repairs to Ellan Bridge

£305.60 – K Isaacs – Wheelie bin stickers 30mph and 20mph

£2,300.00 – Bike Skills Park

£300.00 – Stephen Blair – felling of dangerous trees Station Road

£700.00 CTA – Contribution towards Information Point Repairs

£180.00 – D Edwards Parking Signs

#### **Other items of Expenditure:**

Hire of Village Hall £146.00 Misc Items- purchase of wreath, printing etc £373.76

Minutes Secretary and Accounts manager £750.00 Senior Christmas Party £1683.50

Childrens Christmas Party £300.00 Advertising £119.04 Bowling Club Insurance (2015-2016) £833.56

**Office Bearers were re-elected:**

Chairman:	Andrew Kirk	Proposed by Alice Buttress	Seconded by George Dyer
Vice Chairman:	George Dyer	Proposed by Andrew Kirk	Seconded by Robert McInnes
Treasurer:	Alan Rankin	Proposed by Andrew Kirk	Seconded by Alice Buttress
Minutes:	Heather Davidson unanimously appointed and honorarium agreed		

Meeting ended 7.20 pm